GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PLANTATION OF NEW TREES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways are being widened throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether in the process of widening the roads trees on either side of the roads are being cut down without planting new trees;

(c) if so, whether the Government are aware that this is likely to cause a lot of pollution hazards particularly on the Highways; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI)

(a) Yes, Sir. Many sections of National Highways are being widened.

(b) to (d) During widening and improvement of National Highways existing trees are generally preserved as far as possible. Where the removal of existing trees is unavoidable, compensatory plantation equal to twice the number of trees to be cut is done as per policy of the Government.